



Summer Food Service Program



Bulletin

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USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

Additional Topics:

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.

Additional Topics

- **SFSP 2016 Annual Training**
SFSP training is required every year in order to be an eligible sponsor and receive reimbursement for participation in summer 2016. New and returning sponsors and administrators must attend one of the following trainings and interested programs not currently participating are also welcome to attend.
 - In person training will be held at the Anchorage Courtyard Marriott at 4901 Spenard Road on **Thursday, March 24, 2016**. This is an all-day training for new and returning sponsors. There is a block of rooms reserved for attendees and you can make reservations here if you need lodging: [Book your group rate for SFSP Training](#)
 - Distance training for school sponsors will be held on **Thursday, April 7, 2016**.
 - Distance training for all other sponsors unable to travel to Anchorage will be held **Thursday, April 14th**.

Distance delivery participants will receive materials prior to the training date, so please register in advance. Submit your training registration to cyde.coil@alaska.gov by **March 14, 2016**.

Additionally, to assist with planning, please submit your organization's **Intent to Operate** form to Cyde at the earliest convenience.

- **Farm to Summer Meal Site Grant**

Applications sought for summer nutrition program grants – providers of summer nutrition programs are invited to apply for a Farm to Summer Meal Site grant to educate children about nutrition and promote healthy attitudes towards food choices.

The purpose of the Farm to Summer Meal Site Grant is to encourage gardening projects, incorporate local foods into meal programs, build healthier environments and engage children with fun and interactive nutrition education.

The grants are administered by the Division of Agriculture Farm to School Program through a coordinated effort between the Alaska State Department of Education & Early Development's Child Nutrition programs and the United States Department of Agriculture's Team Nutrition Program.

Eligible applicants include school districts or agencies participating in the National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program. Grants may be used to purchase gardening supplies or other materials to support activities such as growing, harvesting or cooking local foods.

The Division intends to award up to \$750 per summer meal site or \$150 per day care homes. Approximately 35 to 60 summer meal sites will be chosen for a total of \$28,000 in grants.

Applications will be accepted **Jan. 22 through Feb. 29**. For more information and to apply, go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_grants.htm.

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- **Summer Reading Grants**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation's Summer Reading Grants provide funding to local nonprofit organizations and libraries to help with the implementation or expansion of summer reading programs. Programs must target Pre-K through 12th grade students who are below grade level readers or readers with learning disabilities. Grant application deadline for is **February 25, 2016**. Please find this [grant opportunity](#) as well as many others on Share Our Strength's Child Nutrition Program Grant Opportunities [page](#).

- **FRAC and Feeding America Anti-Hunger Policy Conference, February 28-March 1**

Registration is open for the 2016 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference – three days of training, networking and Capitol Hill advocacy. A number of sessions will focus on successful strategies for implementing and running successful afterschool and summer programs, including the role of schools in expanding the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program, working with state groups to expand the summer and afterschool nutrition programs, and an interactive summer meals roundtable session. Conference attendees include anti-hunger and anti-poverty advocates; USDA FNS and other federal, state and local government officials; school nutrition professionals; child advocates; representatives of food banks; sponsoring organizations and nutrition and anti-obesity groups. Click [here](#) to register.

- **No Kid Hungry and NCA Launch the Afterschool Meals Sponsor Survey**

The National CACFP Sponsors Association (NCA) and Share Our Strength's Center for Best Practices want to get your perspective on the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program. Please help by completing a short survey at <http://afterschoolsponsor.questionpro.com/>.

NCA and Share Our Strength partnered to develop this survey in order to help them to better understand how your organization operates and your needs, challenges, barriers, and successes. Whether your organization used to participate in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program, never tried it, or currently sponsors afterschool programs, you have important insights to share that can lead to better resources and support for you and organizations like yours.

Please help by completing this short [survey](#) by **Tuesday, February 23rd**. It will take no more than 15 to 20 minutes of your time.

You may receive the invitation to participate from multiple sources, but you only need to complete the survey once per organization.

Please contact Carolyn Wait at cwait@strength.org if you have any questions or concerns.

- **New! Discover MyPlate eBooks**

[Discover MyPlate](#) includes six Emergent Readers featuring kindergarten-level sight words that help children build literacy skills while learning about the five food groups and MyPlate. Check out USDA, Team Nutrition's teacher's kit and training materials in addition to the new eBooks for more ways to incorporate nutrition education into your feeding programs!

Available: in print, by using the [Resource Order Form](#). Also available in [PDF](#), for download.



- **Updated: No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Calculator**

The No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Calculator is a budgeting tool to help you plan your summer program by taking you through a process of considering resources and costs associated with the program and look at scenarios for different levels of service. It accounts for elements of a summer meals program broadly, including those necessary for a successful mobile meals program. Please find the tool updated with 2016 reimbursement rates on the No Kid Hungry [website](#).

- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- FRAC – Partnerships to Expand Your Summer Outreach Efforts **Thursday, February 4th at 9:00AM** Teaming up with partners can give a huge boost to your summer expansion and outreach efforts. Working with partners helps raise awareness and support programming – both important aspects of a successful Summer Meal Program. Hear how advocates are using innovative partnerships to pool resources and expand the reach of the Summer Nutrition Programs. To register, please click [here](#).
- No Kid Hungry – Serving Summer Meals at Hospitals **Tuesday, February 16th at 10:00AM** Hospitals play many roles to facilitate health in communities – and hosting Summer Meals sites is one more! In a few communities across the country, hospitals have started serving meals to kids through SFSP. Join us for a webinar to learn more about this promising practice, hear from hospitals who have developed summer programs and get practical advice for starting a site in your community. This event will coincide with the release of a new resource on the topic. To register, please click [here](#).
- FRAC – Afterschool Meals Matter: Working with your Out of School Time Network to Expand Afterschool Meals **Thursday, February 18th at 9:00AM** State afterschool networks are natural champions and partners for expanding the Afterschool Meal Program in your community. They can help by identifying afterschool programs, spreading the word about the program, and mobilizing their partners. Learn best practices and tips for engaging your afterschool network.

Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines

FRAC Partnerships for Expansion Webinar	February 4, 2016
No Kid Hungry Summer Meals at Hospitals Webinar	February 16, 2016
FRAC Afterschool Meals Matter Webinar	February 18, 2016
Afterschool Meals Survey Deadline	February 23, 2016
Summer Reading Grants Deadline	February 25, 2016
Anti-Hunger Policy Conference	February 28-March 3
Farm to Summer Meal Site Grant Deadline	February 29, 2016
Training Registration Due	March 14, 2016
Annual SFSP Training in Anchorage	March 24, 2016

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Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs
WRO – Western Region Office
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture
EED – Education & Early Development
DEC – Department of Conservation
LEA – Local Education Agency



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